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## July 1 Catfish Inventory

Commercial catfish operations in Mississippi had 169 million foodsize fish on hand July 1, 2008, up 12 percent from the July 1, 2007, total. Of the total number of foodsize fish, 3.50 million were large foodsize (over 3 pounds per fish), 36.0 million medium foodsize (over 1½ to 3 pounds per fish), and

129 million were small foodsize fish (over ¾ to 1½ pounds per fish). The number of stockers on hand July 1, 2008, totaled 395 million fish, down 7 percent from a year ago. Of the total number of stockers, 196 million were large (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1,000 fish) and 199 million were small (over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1,000 fish). Operators had 832 million fingerlings and fry on hand July 1, 2008, down 25 percent from the 1.11 billion on hand July 1, 2007.

All known catfish operators in the four states surveyed were contacted during the first half of July by mail, telephone and personal interview. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data.

## Catfish Production: Water Surface Acre Usage, by State Surveyed, 2007-2008

State	Acres Intended for Utilization During July 1 – December 31 for:					Acres Taken out of Production During Jan 1 – Jun 30
	Foodsize	Fingerlings	Broodfish	Currently Under or Scheduled for-		
				Renovation	New Construction	
	Acres					
2008						
Alabama	21,000	520	280	845	20	655
Arkansas	20,700	3,700	630	360	*	2,600
Louisiana	4,300	380	0	100	*	680
Mississippi	63,500	12,800	1,600	1,600	50	7,500
Four-State Total	109,500	17,400	2,510	2,905	80	11,435
2007						
Alabama	21,700	680	420	380	115	750
Arkansas	26,000	3,800	*	280	*	670
Louisiana	4,800	610	*	370	*	140
Mississippi	69,700	16,000	2,600	3,100	300	2,300
Four-State Total	122,200	21,090	3,640	4,130	495	3,860

\* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2007-2008

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per Fish	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Foodsize						
Alabama	1,500	1,700	5,200	5,900	3.5	3.5
Arkansas	1,520	1,000	5,200	3,600	3.4	3.6
Louisiana	171	215	571	740	3.3	3.4
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Four-State Total	6,191	6,415	21,071	22,740	3.4	3.5
Medium Foodsize						
Alabama	11,800	21,900	22,800	44,100	1.9	2.0
Arkansas	17,100	10,200	34,000	20,600	2.0	2.0
Louisiana	1,230	1,540	2,700	2,920	2.2	1.9
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>37,200</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>69,600</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Four-State Total	67,330	69,640	129,100	133,620	1.9	1.9
Small Foodsize						
Alabama	31,400	35,000	30,000	35,400	1.0	1.0
Arkansas	37,100	33,500	37,200	33,100	1.0	1.0
Louisiana	8,110	5,220	8,100	5,240	1.0	1.0
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Four-State Total	186,610	202,720	183,300	197,740	1.0	1.0
Total Foodsize						
Alabama	44,700	58,600	58,000	85,400	1.3	1.5
Arkansas	55,720	44,700	76,400	57,300	1.4	1.3
Louisiana	9,511	6,975	11,371	8,900	1.2	1.3
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>150,200</b>	<b>168,500</b>	<b>187,700</b>	<b>202,500</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Four-State Total	260,131	278,775	333,471	354,100	1.3	1.3
Broodfish						
Alabama	*	60	*	260	*	4.3
Arkansas	108	100	489	536	4.5	5.4
Louisiana	*	0	*	0	*	
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Four-State Total	791	660	3,829	3,196	4.8	4.8

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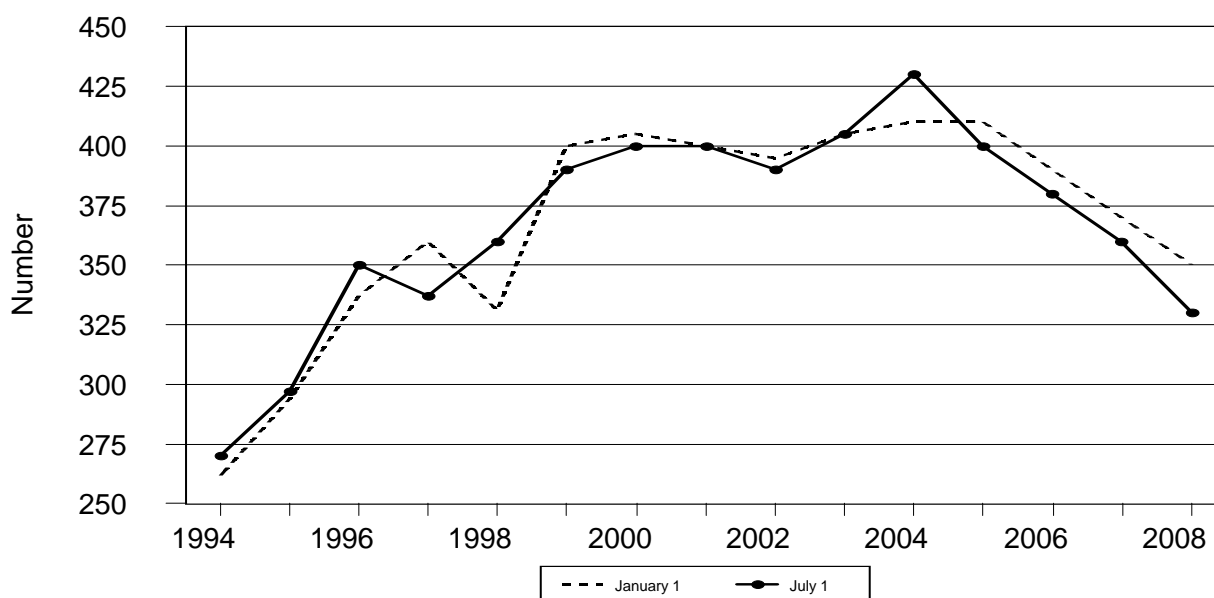
## Catfish: Inventory by Size Category and State Surveyed, July 1, 2007-2008—Cont

Size Category and State	Number of Fish		Live Weight			
			Total		Average Per 1,000 Fish	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2008
	1,000		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Large Stockers						
Alabama	82,400	51,000	31,300	20,500	380	402
Arkansas	31,800	33,600	10,700	14,200	336	399
Louisiana	1,850	570	837	315	452	553
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>204,000</b>	<b>196,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>388</b>
Four-State Total	320,050	283,170	132,837	111,015	415	392
Small Stockers						
Alabama	54,600	39,500	7,100	4,300	130.0	109.0
Arkansas	48,400	38,400	4,500	4,200	93.0	109.0
Louisiana	1,290	3,350	175	490	136.0	146.0
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>199,000</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>19,900</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Four-State Total	326,290	280,250	33,375	28,890	102.0	103.0
Fingerlings and Fry						
Alabama	73,200	*	1,300	*	17.8	*
Arkansas	239,000	132,000	3,700	2,450	15.5	18.6
Louisiana	29,000	*	282	*	9.7	*
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,111,500</b>	<b>832,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>17.3</b>
Four-State Total	1,452,700	1,026,000	20,282	18,715	14.0	18.2

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<sup>1</sup> Revised.

Mississippi Catfish Operations, 1994-2008



Catfish: Number of Operations and Water Surface Acres Used for  
Production, by State Surveyed, 2007-2008

State	Number of Operations on July 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During July 1-December 31	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Number		Acres	
Alabama	203	175	23,000	21,900
Arkansas	131	116	30,400	25,300
Louisiana	19	17	5,500	4,900
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>92,500</b>	<b>80,400</b>
Four-State Total	713	638	151,400	132,500